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Library Board Meeting

May 13, 2010

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 p.m. at the Lawton Public Library. Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted in accordance with Oklahoma Law.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Burpo, Lynn McIntosh, Pamela Scoggins
Bonnell-Mihalis, Carol Sinnreich

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sally Cote

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Neuwirth, Friends; Marge Williams,
SWOGS; David Snider, Library Director;
Sharon Thompson, Recording Secretary

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim called the meeting to order and asked for approval or corrections to the minutes. Minutes were approved as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Sharon said that we received the re-appointment letters to Board members, Pamela and Sally. Pamela said that the Mayor's office still has her old address in their file and needs to be changed. Sharon will again contact the Mayor's secretary and let her know that it is still incorrect and needs changing. Sally will receive her letter at the next meeting or when she comes to sort books for the Friends.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Budget - David called the Assistant City Manager and the Finance Director after looking at the budget on-line. He noticed several mistakes in the figures under Supplies, Dues & Memberships, Travel & Training, and Books. The answer he received from the Finance Director was that they are still working on it and copies are being made so everyone can take a look at it. David wants his copy 'in hand' before he talks to anyone else about the mistakes.

David said next Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. there will be an all day budget workshop for all Directors. On May 25 at 6:00 p.m. is the Public Hearing. On June 1 is a second workshop. Pamela asked when he wanted the Board to attend and David said they could attend the Public Hearing on May 25. David will e-mail the board with more information before then. The date that the Council will approve the budget is June 8.

David pointed out that \$40,000 was budgeted for the replacement of the online system. Jim asked if \$40,000 was enough money for replacing our old system. David said if we go with Open Source we can set our own perimeters and \$40,000 should be enough to fund it. We also would not have to re-barcode the books which would help us. Jim asked how long the conversion would be. David said he hoped it would not take long and they would try to shut the service down on a Saturday and be up and running on the following Monday.

Statistics & Current Events - David handed Board members the monthly statistics for March and April. He needs to add Let's Talk About It on the list, but it is not an every month program. The book for Let's Talk About It is "Little Women".

Jim Maroon, Reference Librarian, has started a movie night on the second Friday of each month. The movie this Friday night will be "The Cove".

Carol suggested changing the font size to make room for adding more programs to the statistics sheet.

David asked Marge to elaborate on the Database Statistics for Heritage Quest and Ancestry.com. Marge said that the difference between the two databases is that Ancestry.com can only be used in the library and is an Index. Heritage Quest can be used online at your home and has four different book sections. Marge is finding that a lot of patrons are using computers for their research.

David handed out the Summer Reading Flyers which are being sent to the public schools. Pamela asked if the Day Care Centers are receiving them. David said he would ask the Children's Librarian because that was a good suggestion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Friends of the Library: Patty reported that the Friends made around \$20,000 from the Book Sale, but they still need the electric bill to be paid. Pamela suggested that next year we get more tables to put all the books out on. Patty said that we really need more room to spread out the books.

The Chautauqua kick off is Monday, June 21 at 6:00 pm in the new City Hall atrium. Workshops will include the following:

June 22 – Character Stonewall Jackson / Scholar Doug Mishler

June 23 - Character William Seward / Scholar Bill Worley

June 24 - Character Martin Delaney / Scholar Joe Bundy

June 25 – Character Clara Barton / Scholar Karen Vuranch

June 26 – Character Robert E Lee / Scholar Ted Kachel

SWOGS: Marge said that the Internet is affecting their book research from patrons. SWOGS is trying to change their way of thinking when ordering materials for research.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motorized Chair - Pamela asked if the patrons are aware that the library now has a motorized chair for use. It was suggested to make a sign so patrons will know that the chair is available. Also, David could call the newspaper to have publicity about the motorized chair.

Other comments: Jim encouraged the Board members to attend the May 25 Council meeting and to call their Council person. They are as follows: Ward 1 – Bill Shoemate, Ward 2 – Michael Tennis, Ward 3 – Janice Drewry, Ward 4 - Jay Burk, Ward 5 – Robert Shanklin, Ward 6 – Richard Zarle, Ward 7 – Stanley Haywood, Ward 8 – Doug Wells.

Meeting Adjourned.